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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT CRITICIZES AMERICAN INITIATIVES
ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

REF: (A) STATE 236764 (NOTAL) (B) LUSAKA 2547; (C) MAPUTO 1091

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE PERTINENT PARTS OF AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN NOTICIAS OF SEPTEMBER 24 QUOTING REMARKS MADE BY MARCELINO DOS SANTOS IN LUANDA ON SEPTEMBER 23. ARTICLE IS BASED ON MOZAMBIQUE INFORMATION AGENCY STORY FILED OUT OF LUANDA. QUOTE: THE FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT DESCRIBED THE RECENT VISITS OF HENRY KISSINGER TO AFRICA "AS AN ACTION TO DETERMINE WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES ARE FOR SAVING AFRICA, ENSURING AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE SATISFIES THE INTERESTS OF NORTH AMERICAN IMPERIALISM.

IT IS A DISTORTION OF THE FACTS TO ATTEMPT TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT KISSINGER, VORSTER AND SMITH, MEETING TOGETHER, CAN RESOLVE THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM
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AND DETERMINE RHODESIA'S FUTURE- HE SAID, ADDING

THAT THE SOLUTIONS COULD ONLY BE DETERMINED BY THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE "WHO HAVE ALREADY DEFINED WHAT THEY WANT: TO BE FREE, TO BE INDEPENDENT AND TO DESTROY THE REGIME OF IAN SMITH."

LATER MARCELINO DOS SANTOS SAID "THE ONLY ACTION THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER USEFUL WOULD BE FOR KISSINGER TO RECOGNIZE IMMEDIATELY THE REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTER OF THE NATIONALIST FORCES AND TO SUPPORT THEM FULLY, GIVING THEM THE SUPPORT THEY NEED TO DESTROY COMPLETELY THE SMITH REGIME. THIS WOULD BE THE CORRECT POSITION."

THIS WOULD BE, ACCORDING TO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF FRELIMO, THE POSITION OF THE FRONT-LINE STATES WHICH GIVE THEIR TOTAL SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE IN ORDER THAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE ALL THEIR ASPIRATIONS. END QUOTE.

2. COMMENT: AS FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT, MARCELINO DOS SANTOS IS THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT OFFICIAL IN THE PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT. DOS SANTOS IS AN AVOWED MARXIST AND FORMER CP MEMBER. HE IS REGARDED AS FRELIMO'S MOST PRO-SOVIET IDEOLOGUE. HE PROBABLY FULLY SUPPORTS A MILITARY SOLUTION TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM IN EXPECTATION THAT A REVOLUTIONARY FRELIMO-TYPE GOVERNMENT WILL RESULT. FOR THE MOMENT IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHETHER DOS SANTOS' REMARKS REFLECT THTE VIEWS OF MACHEL OR THE GPRM. TO DATE MACHEL HAS REMAINED QUIET.
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